

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

OCTOBER 2019

FALL PREVIEW

Mark Your Calendars

Sure, D.C. has the National Mall, the Kennedy Center and a host of fall events, but if Fairfax City residents check out a calendar for in-town events during the next three months, they may never have to drive more than a few miles for entertainment. Whether it's the city's massive Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show or a performance at George Mason University, there's a weekend event — or series of events — for nearly every interest.

Here's a snapshot of what's ahead. As always, check the city's social media feeds (@cityoffairfaxva) for updates on schedules and performances.

See more
exciting
events
happening
this fall in
Fairfax City
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Witch Watch

WHEN Oct. 26, 10 am-1 pm
WHERE Old Town Square
LOWDOWN This event used to be on George Mason's campus, but this year, the school's student government is teaming up with the city's Parks and Recreation crew to bring the party downtown. Expect plenty of treats for the little ones, along with games, face-painting and crafts. Oh, and it's free.
INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Community Events

City Survey

FAVORITE PART OF THE CITY'S FALL FESTIVAL?

Nearly 30,000 people delight in the signature event of the fall in Fairfax City. As the cliché goes, our Fall Festival has a little something for everyone — here's a breakdown of what residents love the most.



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CITY NEWS

taste of the Vine

OCTOBER 4
6:30-9:30PM

AT HISTORIC
BLENHEIM

\$60

Wine is by Gray Ghost
Vineyards and food by
Dolce Vita Kitchen
& Wine Bar

3610 Old Lee Hwy.

historicfairfax.org/event/taste-of-the-vine

Taste of the Vine, October 4

Support city historic sites while enjoying an evening of delightfully paired wine and hors d'oeuvres with a silent auction at Historic Blenheim. Wine is by Gray Ghost Vineyards, and food by Dolce Vita Kitchen & Wine Bar. Tickets, \$60. 3610 Old Lee Hwy., historicfairfax.org/event/taste-of-the-vine

Personal Property Tax Payments, October 7

The bills are out, and personal property and motor vehicle license tax payments are due by Oct. 7. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest. For online payments, click on How Do I... on the city home page and choose "Pay Tax & Bills." When paying in person, please bring the entire bill. *Reporting personal property tax bill changes? Call 703.385.7880. Didn't get a bill? Call 703.385.7900.*

Walkabout Old Town Fairfax, October 19

Join the Mayor, City Council and city staff on a two-hour guided tour of Old Town Fairfax on Oct. 19, as organized by the Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth (rain date: Oct. 27). This event allows feedback and sharing of ideas regarding safety and improving the walking experience in this area of our community. The tour steps off at 10 a.m. from the front steps of the City of Fairfax Regional Library

(10360 North St.). Stops include Main Street, Historic Courthouse, Massey Complex and Old Town Square.

Help the Homeless 5K Walk, October 19

Join Pathway Homes, Inc., in the annual Help the Homeless 5K Walk that steps off at 8:30 am Oct. 19 from Veterans Amphitheater (adjacent to City Hall). *Information: pathwayhomes.akaraisin.com/ui/walk2019*

Animal Adoptions, October 19

Find a new animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. The office holds animal adoption events on the third Saturday of the month. To see who's available for adoption at any time, visit the city home page, click How Do I, and choose "Adopt a Pet." *Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway, 11 am-2 pm*

Repair Café, October 26

Join Transition Town Fairfax for Repair Café, a unique DIY event that helps individuals learn how to repair broken household items themselves. Bring in broken things, and someone with the proper skill will show you how to fix them. Check twinsacehardware.com or [facebook.com/twinsacehardware](https://www.facebook.com/twinsacehardware) for an up-to-date listing of repair help available at the event.

Volunteers with skills to share are welcome; email transitionfairfax@gmail.com. 10 am-1 pm, Twins ACE Hardware, 10310B Main St., twinsacehardware.com



Westmore Elementary, 1972

Before Fairfax City created two large elementary schools with state-of-the-art resources, it had smaller "neighborhood" schools — most built in the 1950s — across our 6.3 square miles. Schools included John C. Wood Elementary (now the site of the police station), Fairfax Elementary (now the site of World Gym and the Fairfax Museum), Green Acres (now the site of the Senior Center) and Westmore (now a green space and site of the new city dog park). In 2000, Jermantown Elementary — completely renovated and expanded to accommodate more students — became Providence, and Layton Hall Elementary experienced similar renovation and expansion to become Daniels Run. We recently dug up some class pictures from the early 1970s at Westmore. For long-time residents, we're certain you'll recognize some faces. For more great local history and photos, visit the Fairfax Museum (10209 Main St.) and the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St.).

Drug Takeback Day, October 26

Bring unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Station lobby on Oct. 26. Pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers (no needles or syringes). 10 am-2 pm, 3730 Old Lee Highway, 703.273.2889

News and Important Dates: General Election, November 5

The General Election is Nov. 5 for Virginia Senate (34th District) and House of Delegates (37th District), Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff. Sample ballots are available online and at the Registrar's Office: fairfairfaxva.gov/vote.

INFORMATION:

Oct. 15: the last day to register to vote, or change voter registration information, before the General Election

Oct. 29: final day to request an absentee ballot be mailed

Nov. 2: final day to vote absentee in-person



Tree Removal Information

Did you know: Most property owners are required to apply for a tree-removal permit through the Zoning Office before removing a tree from their property. (Note: Removal of trees identified as an immediate hazard by the city does not require a permit in advance. Tree-trimming does not require a permit when portion of the tree being trimmed is on the tree owner's lot and the work is performed from that property.) Visit fairfaxva.gov, search "tree removal permit process," or visit the Zoning web page. Information: 703.385.7820

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FALL FOR THE BOOK

WHEN Oct. 10-12

WHERE George Mason University, spots throughout Fairfax City

LOWDOWN If you love great storytelling, this is your Super Bowl. Seriously. There's a book event and author for every genre, from mystery to memoir — and writers on tap this year are stellar, including Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, above right, (*We Should All Be Feminists*), Rainbow Rowell, above left, (*Wayward Son*), Delia Owens (*Where the Crawdads Sing*) and David Grann (*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*). Bonus: Children's activities and readings at the city's Old Town Hall and the City of Fairfax Public Library.

INFO fallforthebook.org



FALL FESTIVAL

WHEN Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 am-5 pm; evening show, 5:30-8:30 pm

WHERE Throughout Old Town Fairfax

LOWDOWN Want to see a great community in action? For 43 years, this day continues to be a brilliant snapshot. You'll find local food and juried craft vendors, live music on two stages, an open house for families at Fire Station 3, carnival rides, beer gardens and the lumberjack show and interactive camp. Take advantage of open houses at the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House and the Fairfax Museum, and return for the big evening show at Old Town Square: Bruce in the USA (you guessed it: an awesome Springsteen cover band).

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Fall Festival



OLD TOWN HALL PERFORMANCE SERIES

WHEN Oct. 11-April 24, Fridays, 8 pm

WHERE Old Town Hall

LOWDOWN The city's cultural arts team has assembled a vibrant and eclectic lineup for the 2019-2020 series, now in its 30th year. Look for 12 performances this year, including a wonderful mashup of funk and jazz from the Funky Fly Project (Oct. 25) and the creepy classic film *Nosferatu* with a live musical accompaniment (Nov. 8).

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Cultural Arts



MASON ARTS AT OLD TOWN HALL

WHEN Oct. 16-May 6, Wednesday, 7 pm

WHERE Old Town Hall

LOWDOWN Join us for a monthly showcase of the talented students at George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. Every month we highlight a different artistic discipline. Bonus: Mason Artist in Residence Program in Fairfax City. On Oct. 2, 7 pm, stop by Old Town Hall for a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. We're featuring a chat and music with LADAMA (pictured), a quartet of Latin alternative musicians who seamlessly blend voice, guitar, percussion and the llanera (similar to a mandolin). *LA Weekly* calls the group "a female Latin powerhouse."

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Cultural Arts



OLD TOWN FAIRFAX CITY FALL CRAWL

WHEN Saturday, Oct. 26, 1-7 pm

WHERE Throughout Old Town at participating restaurants and bars

LOWDOWN The Summer Crawl was a smash hit, so, naturally, we're back for version 2.0 this fall. Here's how it works: The self-guided tour features Old Town Fairfax City restaurants offering specially priced small plates and beverages to patrons who present a crawl passport. Patrons who visit at least four restaurants will receive a free limited-edition Old Town Fairfax City Crawl glass (and yeah, they look pretty cool).

INFO fairfaxcityconnected.com



HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

WHEN Nov. 16, 10 am-5 pm; Nov. 17, 10 am-3 pm

WHERE Fairfax High School

LOWDOWN Holiday shopping made easy. When the show began in 1987, it was modest and small. Today it's a juggernaut and has become one of the best arts and crafts festivals in the Mid-Atlantic. Local and national artisans showcase their work in a range of media, from pottery to woodwork to photography.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Special Events



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

WHEN Nov. 30

WHERE Throughout Fairfax City

LOWDOWN Small, independent businesses are the lifeblood of our community. Shop around Old Town and citywide, where small businesses will offer great deals throughout the day. The city economic development team also will be at Old Town Hall giving out Small Business Saturday swag and info about how to participate in this year's big contest: Elf on the Shelf (the contest goes through Dec. 15).

INFO fairfaxcityconnected.com



HOLIDAY MARKET

WHEN Dec. 6-8, Dec. 13-15, Dec. 20-22

WHERE Old Town Square

LOWDOWN First, there's hot chocolate for sipping and marshmallows for roasting. Second, there's a range of local vendors in (warm) tents with an array of unique holiday gifts, including jewelry, gourmet chocolate and textiles.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS

WHEN Dec. 7, 2-7 pm

WHERE Old Town Square

LOWDOWN The holiday season in Fairfax City officially kicks off during this daylong event, which is capped by a tree-lighting ceremony. Enjoy live holiday music and choirs all day, plus hot cider and s'mores.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search Special Events

Building Leaders and Creating Legacy

MANY CONSTANTS ARRIVE with the beginning of each school year at Fairfax High School, including a field hockey team that's the envy of the state. Coach Amber Beaudoin, a 1992 Fairfax High grad who played for field hockey legends Starr Karl and Peggy Aderton (she also played FHS soccer and basketball), is the linchpin of this success. She took over the varsity program in 2002. Since then, the team has won nine titles in a brutally competitive conference — winning consecutive conference titles from 2009 to 2017. The team has won two regional titles (2014, 2016) and competed in the state tournament four of the past five years.

Beaudoin took a few minutes from a busy schedule to chat with us about the amazing tradition of hard work and leadership among her players.

What's it like coaching a team — carrying on a strong tradition — where you attended school? I remember going to states in field hockey my senior year and playing at Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach. What an unbelievable feeling! I wanted my players to experience victory for themselves. Since I understood the traditions that made field hockey at Fairfax such a strong team when I



played, my job is to act as coach and as a custodian of the program. I believe it's incumbent upon me to impart the significance and importance to certain moments so my players have the same awesome experience I did — a team steeped in tradition and consequence.

You get a whole new set of freshmen every year, and every year you build a program from the ground up. What's the foundation and secret of this success? There's no secret: It's hard work and dedication. The girls who

tryout and make the squad put in their best effort six days a week for two and half hours a day. We work on basic skills daily and put in considerable time learning solid defensive tactics and offensive strategy. I'm a firm believer that I can take any good athlete and make them a good field hockey player — as long as the individual is willing to work and put in the effort. I do find that soccer players make the easiest transition to field hockey players. I've learned that softball players make the best hitters and that basketball players understand defensive positioning best.

Why do you enjoy coaching these kids? I love coaching high school-age girls. My players become a part of the Fairfax Field Hockey family and are always welcome back on the sideline. I'm so happy to have alumni back and share in the moment with me. I'm the lucky recipient of 20 new “daughters” every year who are funny and irreverent and absolutely exhausting. I enjoy hearing about their lives and their families, hopes and dreams. I'm super competitive, and I love seeing how far we can push ourselves. Once we achieve a goal, we are always setting a new benchmark for excellence. I also have an absolutely amazing husband, Brian, who picks up the slack at home with my own three daughters.



5 MINUTES WITH ... JOHNNIE GREER SIGN AND SIGNAL SUPERVISOR



How long have you been with the city? I've been working for the City of Fairfax for nearly 30 years.

What is Sign and Signal? We service all of the signals throughout the city — from building them from scratch to programming the systems to operate each one. We also install all signs, ground-mounted and on mast arms, in the city. Another thing we do is the pavement marking throughout the city; we spend a lot of our time making sure all of the equipment is operating efficiently to help the city's traffic conditions. Also, we setup and maintain road closures and detours for special events and emergency call-ins.

What's the big picture of your role? I make sure we operate on a next level of technology and innovation in the traffic world. As technology changes, this means making sure our crews have exceptional training and certification from the International Municipal Signal Association. I make sure the city's major departments — including Police, Fire/Rescue and Parks and Recreation — get the best support possible.

Why do you love working for city? My job changes every day; we literally never do same thing two days in row. There's never a day where my team isn't working hard to maintain the best quality we can provide residents and businesses. This is such a talented and highly skilled crew; I'm so proud to work with them.



ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER

JOIN US OCTOBER 5, 2019! To register, afsp.org/fairfax



The event is simple, but the impact can be profound. On Oct. 5, hundreds of people will participate in the Out of Darkness Walk in Fairfax City. Joining in means raising awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy and support survivors of suicide loss.

Thanks to walkers and donors, AFSP has been able to set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate by 20 percent by 2025.

The staging area is the Veterans Amphitheater adjacent to City Hall, and the route around the city is fairly flat — walk at your own pace with friends, families or coworkers. To register, afsp.org/fairfax



PUBLIC SAFETY

COMING IN 18 MONTHS

New Fire Station 33



THE CITY OF FAIRFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT will have a new state-of-the-art fire station within approximately 18 months. The newly constructed, three-story Station 33 at 10101 Fairfax Boulevard — which will be nearly 22,000 square feet — will replace the existing station that was 7,821 square feet and constructed in 1978.

“The new facility will have additional storage and work spaces, a larger day room, kitchen, outdoor patio space, individual bunk space, an internal training mezzanine and an outdoor roof-training prop,” says City of Fairfax Fire Chief John O’Neal. The new station, designed by Lemay Erickson Willcox Architects, will be under construction shortly after the demolition of the old space.

During the construction of the new station, fire/rescue personnel from Station 33 will temporarily move to the Training Center on Colonial Avenue and to Station 3 on University Drive. There will be no significant change in response time to emergencies or the team’s role in assisting the public. Emergency calls are dispatched by an AVL (automated vehicle locator), so the closest unit responds. This is normal practice. The city also has a great relationship with Fairfax County Fire/Rescue, which means there will be no significant changes in response times to the overall district. Our fire/rescue team monitors response times monthly. *More info: fairfaxva.gov, search Fire Department*



LOOK UP!

Mason Observatory Open to the Public



Mason’s astronomical observatory, located atop Research Hall on Mason’s Fairfax Campus, houses one of the largest diameter telescopes among college campuses in the Mid-Atlantic region. Night sky observing sessions — always led by faculty and graduate students — are preceded by informative talks. Sessions open to the general public are held during the fall and spring semesters, weather permitting. Groups welcome. Please check the website for the observing schedule and/or cancellation information. Observing sessions typically last approximately 1.5 hours. Phone: 703.993.9558, physics.gmu.edu, [click on observatory](#).

UPCOMING OBSERVATORY EVENTS

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 Talk titled “Mountains and Craters on the Moon and the Rings of Saturn” by Darryl Wilson starts at 7 pm followed by observing session beginning at 7:30 pm, conditions permitting.

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019 Talk by Dr. Michael Summers starts at 6:30 pm followed by observing session beginning at 7 pm, conditions permitting.

COUNCIL REPORTER



PLEASE NOTE the following corrections to the July 9, 2019 Council Reporter. The Council Reporter is published on the city website: visit fairfaxva.gov and click on “City Meetings.”

Deferred to September 9, 2019, a special use permit to allow a family home daycare with 5-12 children in the RM Residential Medium Zoning District at 3409 Park Hill Place.

Approved 3-2, Consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) from RH-Residential High to RT – Residential Townhouse; a Certificate of Appropriateness for architecture and landscaping; a special exception to increase the maximum building height and to reduce the required yards; a special exception to modify the requirements for sidewalks, street trees and 10-foot landscape strip along the private street; and to allow development of two single-family detached homes and two duplex buildings at 10642 West Drive (In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Stehle and Passey. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Yi.)

community Calendar

OCTOBER 2019

Visit fairfaxva.gov for late-breaking news and event information.
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

EXHIBIT: Sewing on the
Homefront: World War II Quilts,
Fairfax Museum and Visitor
Center (through October 20)

Exhibit: "Teetotalers and
Moonshiners: Prohibition
in the Virginia, Distilled"
10/28-12/7, Fairfax Museum
and Visitor Center

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850
Arts and Cultural Events 703.352.ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703.293.6227
Civil War Interpretive Center 703.591.0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703.385.8414
George Mason University Events 703.993.1000

FALL FOR THE BOOK: OCTOBER 10-12 INFORMATION: FALLFORTHEBOOK.ORG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting fairfaxva.gov and clicking this icon on the home page.	 For a full Cityscreen-12 schedule, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "Services"	1 Story Times at Old Town Square, 10:30 am, Old Town Square City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	2 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, location TBA Environmental Sustainability Com- mittee meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex LADAMA, 7 pm, Old Town Hall (see p. 3)	3 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex 10 Fall for the Book (see above) Art & Lunch with Fairfax Art League, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall If You Build It, He Will Come, 11:50 am, Sherwood Center The Beck Environ- mental Lecture: Sounding the Alarm, 6 pm, GMU Harris Theater Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Art League New Show Reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall Institute for Immi- gration Research New American Voices Award Ceremony, 7 pm, Center for the Arts Better Said Than Done Storytelling Show, 7 pm, The Auld Shebeen	4 Taste of the Vine, 6:30-9:30 pm, Historic Blenheim BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3* 11 Fall for the Book (see above) Why We Should All Be Feminists, 12:30 pm, Center for the Arts Poetry Night Out, 6 pm, Epicure Café Musical Barn Raising: How to Nurture Music in Your Community, 6:30 pm, Old Town Hall BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3* Rainbow Rowell Answers, 7:15 pm, Sherwood Center Duo Sorolla: Masterworks of Women, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	5 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Fairfax Out of the Darkness Community Walk, 10 am – 2 pm, Veterans Amphitheater Irish Folk Festival, noon to 6:30 pm, Sherwood Center 12 Fall for the Book (see above) Fall Festival, 10 am- 5 pm (evening show 5:30-8:30 pm), Old Town Fairfax Puzzles, Slideshows & Crafts, Oh, My!, 10am- 5 pm, Old Town Hall Where the Crawdads Sing: A Conversation with Delia Owens, 3:30 pm, Harris Theater Killers of the Flower Moon: David Grann on Murder and the FBI, 5 pm, Harris Theater Literary Death Match, 8 pm, Harris Theater 19 Farmers' Market See Oct. 5 for time and location Help the Homeless 5K Walk, 8:30 am, Veterans Amphitheater Walkabout Old Town Fairfax, 10 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library Animal Adoption Event, 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway 26 Farmers' Market See Oct. 5 for time and location Repair Café, 10 am-1 pm, Twins ACE Hardware Drug Takeback Day, 10 am to 2 pm, Police Station Lobby The Nameless and Faceless of the Civil War, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim Originals: an entire concert of pieces commissioned by the City of Fairfax Band, 7:30 pm, Fairfax H.S.
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*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department

***Non-perishable food donations accepted for Britepaths; call 703.385.7858

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WHY I VOLUNTEER

LISA WHETZEL

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Years in Fairfax City: 20 (also executive director of Britepaths, a nonprofit that focuses on supporting working families)

Why she volunteers: Being an empty-nester, I have more head space and time now. I love Fairfax City's diversity and envision the Commission on Women working to empower women and girls of all backgrounds.

Upcoming events she's excited about: It's the 100th anniversary for the women's right to vote in 2020. We are planning speakers and activities to engage women of all ages, so stay tuned!

Why she loves Fairfax City: We enjoy inclusive quality schools, dynamic Parks and Rec programs, and fantastic restaurants and businesses. Also, a CUE bus ride can get us to amenities nearby at spots like George Mason, Northern Virginia Community College and D.C. But most of all, even as the city buildings and streets are changing, the sense of community is strong. I'm an Army brat, having moved every two to three years growing up, and community means a lot to me. I appreciate that city residents are welcome to engage in shaping the city's future.

Want to volunteer? There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Commission on the Arts (two vacancies: one for a resident and one for a nonresident); Economic Development Authority (three vacancies; for more information please email EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Planning Commission (one vacancy for a city resident). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov, click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: Oct. 14

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CULTURAL CALENDAR

Gay Fairfax, October 13

Join historian John Olinger for the story of "Gay Fairfax," a pioneering television program, and its legacy for LGBTQ civil rights in Northern Virginia. *Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414*

Friday Morning Music Club, October 17

Revel in classical music by the Friday Morning Music Club (even though they play on Thursdays), the region's premier classical musicians. Concerts are at 11 am on the following Thursdays: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Jan. 16, 2020. *Free. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr., 11 am. 703.385.8414*

Sherwood Family Movie, October 18

Watch *The Secret Life of Pets 2* at the Sherwood Center October 18. Lights go down at 7 pm, Britepath accepts food donations (list of acceptable items available). *Free. 703.385.7858*

The Nameless and Faceless of the Civil War, October 26

Author Lisa Samia will read from her collection of 28 poems and 28 essays, providing the historical representations of American Civil War events and everyday soldiers through the narrative of poetry. *Free, Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 2 pm, 703.591.0560*

Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

The 2019 Farmers' Market season wraps up this month: the Saturday Market continues through Oct. 26 (reminder: no market on October 12), and the Sunday Market ends Oct. 20. *10500 Page Ave. (across from Truro Church), 8 am-1 pm Saturdays (fairfaxsatdaymarket.com); 10 am-2 pm Sundays (fairfaxsundaymarket.com).*

Flea Market & Craft Sale, November 2

Find a gem among the gently used treasures and handmade crafts at the 2019 Flea Market & Craft Sale at the Sherwood Center. Vendors are invited to reserve a table to sell their wares. Proceeds benefit the Young at Heart Senior Center. *Free, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 703.273.6090*